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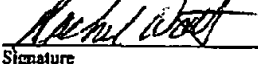
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Application of	:	Barry C. MUFFOLETTO, et al.
Serial No.	:	09/628,174
Filing Date	:	May 1, 1997
Title	:	METHOD FOR IMPROVING ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY OF METALS, METAL ALLOYS AND METAL OXIDES

**PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)  
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment of the above-identified patent application. The facts of such abandonment are as follows. A Notice of Abandonment, mailed on October 15, 2004, and received by this office, indicates that the above-identified patent application went abandoned because the period for seeking court review has expired. However, Applicant did mail a Request for Rehearing Under 37 CFR §1.197(b) to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on September 21, 2004. The Request for Rehearing was received by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on September 23, 2004. Attached please find the following, showing timely submission and receipt of the Request for Rehearing:

Serial No.: 09/628,174

Attorney Docket No.: 04645.0743

- 1) A copy of the Request for Rehearing with Exhibits A and B, with Certificate of First Class Mailing dated September 21, 2004 (8 pages); and
- 2) A copy of the front and back of the Return Receipt Postcard, date stamped September 23, 2004 by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and showing receipt of the Request for Rehearing.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment of the above-identified patent application be withdrawn. Acknowledgement of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed no fee is due with this Petition. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 08-2442 of the undersigned.

If there are any difficulties with this Petition, it is requested that the undersigned by contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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